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SUBJ: ETA REPORTEDLY KIDNAPS WELL-TO-DO BASQUES FOR RANSOM

1. AMCONSUL BILBAO REPORTS THE KIDNAPPING OF JOSE LUIS ARRAZTE, SON OF AN INDUSTRIALIST IN A NEARBY TOWN. THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE DEMANDED 100,000,000 PESETAS (APPROX \$1.7 MILLION) IN FOREIGN CURRENCY AND CLAIMED THEY WERE FROM THE ETA (MILITARY BRANCH OF ETA FIFTH ASSEMBLY).

2. THE KIDNAPPERS MAY HAVE PERPETRATED A SIMILAR KIDNAPPING ON SATURDAY, JAN 10 WHICH HAS JUST COME TO LIGHT OF ONE VICTORIO LUCURIOGA, ANOTHER INDUSTRIALIST FROM NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN. THEY DEMANDED FIVE MILLION FRANCS. ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL BILBAO'S SOURCES, HE WAS RELEASED ON THE PROMISE OF PAYING THAT SUM OR SOMETHING LARGER TO BE DELIVERED AT ST. JEAN DE LUZ IN FRANCE.

3. THE AFFAIR IS SOMEWHAT MURKY, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE KIDNAPPERS NOT CERTAIN DESPITE THEIR CLAIM TO BE FROM THE ETA. BUT IF THESE REPORTS PROVE TO BE TRUE, WE MAY BE SEEING A SHIFT IN ETA TACTICS AWAY FROM THE
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ASSASSINATION OF POLICE OFFICIALS DURING LAST SUMMER

TOWARD AN EARLY ARGENTINE MODEL STRATEGY OF COLLECTING
SIGNIFICANT FUNDS THROUGH RANSOMS FOR WELL-TO-DO KIDNAP
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